

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis will go to Bloomsbury in October to select a place of burial for her husband's remains.

The notorious bandit Santa Ana has been killed by a detachment of soldiers near the Mercedes estate in Cuba.

A letter received from New York yesterday says yellow fever is causing many deaths daily at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

J. O. Wynne, business agent of the Georgia State Alliance Exchange, is over \$20,000 short in his accounts.

The Marquis de Lonsdowne, Viceroy of India, has confirmed the sentence of death pronounced upon the leaders of the Manipur massacre.

Hugh R. Conins, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Petersburg, died Sunday night of typhoid fever after a lingering illness.

Mr. Joseph Gordon, a useful citizen, died at his residence near Waller's church, in Spottsylvania county, last Saturday, after an illness of two months.

The New York Coal Exchange will make an attempt to increase the price of coal all sizes on September 1. The figures will be advanced 25 cents per ton.

A cyclone yesterday crushed the tobacco and caused a panic in Leon, Ia., seventy summer cottages being unroofed, and others crushed by falling trees.

It is said that the President will go to West Virginia in the autumn as the guest of Hon. Stephen B. Elkins at the clubhouse on Cheat Mountain, near Beverly.

Secretary Blaine has been invited to join the party, which will spend the time deer hunting.

Three brothers named Earnest became involved in a quarrel yesterday near Centerville, Pa., in which one was beaten so badly that he cannot recover.

While the fight was in progress, Bert Cleaver interfered in favor of the beaten brother, and was stabbed by one of the Earnests.

Lawrence Gardner, of Washington, secretary of the national association of democratic clubs, has gone to New York to attend a special meeting of the executive committee.

It is proposed to establish a regular bureau of information in Washington in connection with the work of the club.

A young farmer named Edwards, while plowing near Sutherland Springs, Texas, the other day, found an iron pot partially buried in the ground, which was filled with gold doubloons, valued at \$17,000.

There has long been a tradition in the neighborhood that Santa Anna buried treasure there on his retreat after the battle of San Jacinto.

The newspapers of Lima, Peru, contain elaborate accounts of the removal of the remains of Francisco Pizarro, who led the conquest of Peru, from a vault under the altar of the Cathedral, at Lima, to the Chapel of the Viceroy, in the same building.

The remains were subjected to a careful examination and the body was found to be admirably preserved, although it is three hundred and fifty years since Pizarro died.

Snake Stories.

Several days ago a Logan county, W. Va., man and two large rattlesnakes to a friend in Huntington. The snakes were blind at the time just undergoing the annual process of shedding their skins.

When one of them got rid of his last year's growth he displayed unusual ferocity, and it was resolved to put him in a box with a big blacksnake which was owned by the same man.

Which of them would prove the victor? The rattlesnake was put into a large glass case and the blacksnake was then slipped in through a narrow aperture. When the blacksnake was introduced the rattlesnake rapidly around the cage, hissing and shaking its rattles in great fury.

The blacksnake also crawled about keeping out of the rattlesnake's way. After a while the rattlesnake, as if by accident, opened its mouth so wide that the long fangs were distinctly visible to the lookers on, and made preparation to strike its enemy.

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Benjamin Ogil, a farmer living four miles southeast of Denison, Texas, about two weeks ago killed a copperhead snake at his wood pile near his home, and as his children played around the wood pile, he took an axe and cut it into small pieces, which he threw away.

While tossing the pieces to one side he picked up the head, and as he mentioned his arm the mouth closed so that the fangs were distinctly visible to the lookers on, and made preparation to strike its enemy.

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The Baker Trial.

A great crowd filled the court room at Abingdon yesterday morning to hear the argument in the case of Dr. John A. P. Baker, charged with poisoning his wife.

The argument was opened by Mr. Wyser for the prosecution.

It is incumbent upon the prosecution, he said, to prove two things. First, that the victim was poisoned, and second, that she was poisoned by the prisoner.

When it is proved that she was poisoned, it will be evident that she was poisoned by the prisoner.

Mr. Wyser referred to the Cluverius case, and explained the nature of the "reasonable doubt." All testimony is in its nature more or less circumstantial, but circumstantial evidence, if clear and well connected, is stronger than direct testimony.

Circumstances, poor, dumb things, do not lie. The evidence in this case is mainly circumstantial. Such cases can scarcely ever be proved by direct evidence.

Men when they go to deeds so dark as this do not beat a drum. He anticipated the defense and said that they will treat the accusation as incredible.

They will claim that the prisoner's wife died a natural death from some of the recalcitrant diseases mentioned by Dr. Clark.

Mr. Wyser took up Mrs. Gilmer's testimony and refuted it. He produced the letters and quoted the statements of various witnesses to prove their authenticity.

The speaker then attempted to show that Dr. Baker was capable of doing the deed charged. He pointed out the advantages he possessed as a physician.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

The Grand Duke.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—There is scarcely a doubt that the non arrival in this city yesterday of the Grand Duke Alexis was entirely due to his disinclination to be the recipient of the enthusiastic welcome that the citizens of Paris had prepared for him.

Great crowds of people gathered at the railway station where he was expected to arrive and much disappointment was manifested when it was learned that the Grand Duke had changed his plans and would not arrive at the time originally set.

The crowd learned that he would not arrive yesterday but they did not learn when he would reach Paris, and consequently, when the train in which he traveled rolled into the station this morning no one was present, officially or unofficially, to receive him.

So adverse was the grand duke to undergoing an official reception that even the members of the Russian embassy had no official information as to the exact time of his arrival and he therefore alighted from the train as a private individual would have done.

But as he reached the platform he was recognized by a crowd, and the greeting they gave the Grand Duke was enthusiastic. They cheered, waved handkerchiefs and hats and cried "Vive le Czar," "Vive la Russie."

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The Times this morning publishes a dispatch from Paris confirming the reports that the non-arrival of the Grand Duke Alexis in Paris yesterday at the time designated was intentional.

The dispatch adds that the reason for the change in the Grand Duke's published programme may be that Russia may wish to show Germany that she is still open to an offer of Germany outside France.

Skeletons Found.

MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 11.—In the fall of 1851, a covered two horse wagon, occupied by a man and his wife, en route from Virginia for some place in the far West, stopped in the dense woods where now stands the suburb of Muncie. Two days later some one passing by noticed the horses wandering off.

A search was made but the man and woman were not found, and the mysterious disappearance of the people was never explained. Yesterday a boy found the skeletons of two persons, undoubtedly those of a man and woman and brought them to this city.

The strange disappearance of the two people forty years ago was recalled and it is the general opinion that the skeletons are those of the man and woman who so mysteriously disappeared, and that they were murdered.

Disastrous Storms.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 11.—A severe storm visited this county last evening, doing incalculable damage to crops and property generally. The rain and wind were terrific.

A church was split through the middle as if by a knife, and lifted clear off its foundation. A farm residence near by was totally destroyed by the lightning and wind.

In this city a business block was badly wrecked, telegraph poles knocked down and hundreds of trees destroyed.

PORT HURON, Mich., Aug. 11.—One of the most destructive wind storms that ever visited this section of the State struck Sanilac and Tuscola counties yesterday morning, continuing for only about thirty minutes, but wrought great havoc during that brief time.

Defied by a Negro Desperado.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Aug. 11.—The people about Archer, a flourishing town in the fruit section of southwest Florida, are in a state of terror.

Harmon Murray, a negro desperado and murderer, is there, and his threats to kill and burn have driven the people wild. Murray killed the marshal and a policeman at Fernandina over a month ago, and despite all efforts, escaped and went to Stark, where he killed a man who informed on him and then fled to the recesses of the Arredondo forest and swamp, near Archer.

This is an almost impenetrable wilderness, and as he lived here years ago the prospects of his capture, unless by surprise, are slight. He has committed many depredations hereabouts already.

All the country people go armed with rifles, and many farms have been forsaken, their owners moving into town for safety.

Probable Murder.

LA MOURE, N. D., Aug. 11.—Griswold, La Moure county, sixteen miles north of here was the scene of an occurrence Sunday night which looks like a murder.

Mrs. Herman Boelter, 22 years of age, keeping house for her father-in-law, Wilhelm Boelter, while her husband was working out for wages was burned to death in bed, the bed shanty evidently having been fired.

The barn was also burned separately from the house. O. D. Wilhelm Boelter is missing and it is thought he may be found in the ruins of the barn which could not be examined when the correspondent left there.

Boelter left a note in a stick stuck in the ground, but being poorly expressed the message cannot be correctly determined, yet many think he set fire to the dwelling after killing his daughter-in-law and has taken his own life. The coroner has gone to the place.

Wants a Divorce.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Walter Beverley Crane, formerly Miss Alice Cooper, of New York, has brought an action in London for the annulment of her marriage on the ground that it was brought about through force and duress.

The couple are cousins. In her complaint Mrs. Crane alleges that while she was in London, prior to her marriage, Mr. Crane invited her to visit St. Paul's Cathedral with him. She accepted the invitation, but instead of driving to St. Paul's, Crane took her to the Church of St. Brides, on Fleet street.

On the way thither Mr. Crane drew a revolver and threatened that unless she married him he would shoot her.

The plaintiff declares that the marriage was never consummated.

Row at a Picnic.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 11.—Hunt's Grove, twenty miles west of this city, was the scene of a bloody riot at a picnic of colored people from this city last night.

There were several hundred people there, men and women, well provided with whiskey, razors and pistols. The air resounded with the crack of the pistols. The result of the battle is that one man was wounded mortally, another terribly wounded and shot, no one knows how times, and two others badly wounded. It is believed this is not half of the list of those hurt.

Effects of an Earthquake.

YUMA, Ariz., Aug. 11.—Daily arrivals from the region of Sonora, on the Colorado river, report a most wonderful change of the topography and appearance of the country.

Many old landmarks are obliterated, prominent natural objects are wiped off the face of the earth and new ones created in unexpected places. The Indians now predict another earthquake, liable to occur soon. They say natural signs indicate it.

The Boy Ruler.

VIENNA, Aug. 11.—King Alexander, the boy ruler of Serbia, who succeeded to the throne upon the abdication of King Milan, arrived here last night from St. Petersburg where he has been visiting the Czar.

A large number of officials and others were awaiting him in the station. Detachments of soldiers were drawn up around the station and the King upon his arrival was received with full military honors.

Indignant Tax-payers.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 11.—Last night a mass meeting of the tax-payers was held to protest against the proposed purchase of the electric light works for \$340,000, it being charged that improper inducement had been offered the members of council. The excitement grew until it finally culminated in shouts of "lynch them," "hang them!" and the crowd in a body moved towards the City Hall.

In the meantime the council had been informed of the progress of the mob and the last alderman had barely beat a rapid retreat when the advance guard rushed into the chamber. The crowd then denounced the mayor and council as cowards and thieves, and finally dispersed without doing any damage.

Interred.

FREDERICK CITY, Md., Aug. 11.—Sister Mary Louisa O'Donoghue, who died yesterday in the Frederick Convent of the Visitation, aged 60 years and 11 months, was buried this morning, after a mass of requiem, within the convent walls.

Sister Mary Louisa was formerly a resident of Georgetown, D. C., and was a sister-in-law of the late John Murphy, the well known publisher of Baltimore. She entered the Frederick Convent in 1850 and was the directress 13 years and Mother Superior 3 years. She was one of the best known educators in the country. She died of consumption.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Alabama States Alliance meets at Brundiger to-day.

The report that Chili has declared war against Bolivia is untrue.

An ukase has been issued prohibiting from August 27, the exportation from Russia of rye and rye meal of all kinds and brands.

A man supposed to be Frederick J. Clegg, or cashier of the Pacific National Bank, of Boston, D. C., committed suicide at Atlantic City to-day.

At a meeting of the Leeds, E. G., Millers Association to-day it was decided to advance the price of flour one shilling six pence per sack.

Gov. Francis has declined to interfere in the case of Chris Young, sentenced to hang at Lexington, Mo., on Thursday next for the murder of Stephen Ferguson.

Hanlan and O'Connor are at Barrie, Ont., and authorize a double scout challenge to the world. They will row three miles against any other double for from \$500 to \$5,000 a side, giving or taking expenses, if the course is America.

A man named H. B. Bailey, who claims to be from Washington City and that his father was health officer there, is in the Montgomery, Ala., station house insane. The authorities are trying to relieve him in order to send him home.

The intense heat had no effect in preventing a full attendance of the meeting of the executive committee of the national association of democratic clubs at the Hoffman House, in New York, to-day. Nearly all the members of the committee and a considerable number of vice presidents of the organization were present. The real work of the clubs will be during the presidential campaign and it is the opinion of most of the committee that only the ground work of more effective organization be laid at present in the way of selecting a plan of action, etc.

The coast of Chequamegon Bay for seven miles north of Ashland, Wis., is strewn with the remains of pleasure yachts and fishing boats. It is impossible to state how many of these contained human lives that were lost in Saturday's cyclone. All those that left Ashland have been accounted for. One sail boat was